

I believe the morse code should be done away with. As you look at today's generation you see less and less people getting into Ameteur Radio. There is new technology that is more interesting than HAM. A lot of it has to due with the fact that morse code is to difficult to learn. There has been an increase in Technician License because you aren't required to learn morse code with that license anymore. A lot of technitions are content to stay where they are because there is more activity on the 2 meter band than any other frequency. I have been told those who hold a general or extra class couldn't even pass the code test again if they were required to take it. a lot of time the code is learn one time and then forgotten. In short, Morse code is no use and should not be a requirement to aquire a HAM license. You hear alot of old timers say i learn it, you should have to too. well, that fine what happen when they are all gone from this earth? well it plain to me if you don't create interest it will die just like the old C.B radio. A lot of country have done away with the code; why are we keeping it? If we continual on the same path the numbers will decline and then what will we have? nothing but dead air. Ask the young people of today about getting into Ham radio and they will tell you, why do that, we have cell phone and computers.

Thank You
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